

REMARKS

Claims 9, 17-25, 37-46, and 53-62 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 9, 17-25, 37-46, and 53-62 were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 42 was amended. Accordingly, claims 9, 17-25, 37-46, and 53-62 remain at issue in the above-identified application.

Claims 9, 17-25, 37-46, and 53-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Sirbu et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,809,144. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 9 is directed to a method for providing a service to a user. The method comprises the steps of receiving a service request requesting desired service for the user from a service provider and a digital signature generated based on the service request from a user terminal, providing the service to the user terminal according to the service request, requesting a charge collection from an accounting terminal based on the service request, and providing the service request and the digital signature to the accounting terminal when a disclosure request of service requests and digital signatures is received.

Claim 37 is directed to a system for providing a service to a user. The system comprises means for receiving a service request requesting desired service for the user from a service provider and a digital signature generated based on said service request from a user terminal, means for providing the service to the user terminal according to said service request, means for requesting a charge collection from an accounting terminal based on said service request, and means for providing said service request and said digital signature to said accounting terminal when a disclosure request of service requests and digital signatures is received.

Claim 53 is directed to a system for providing a service to a user. The system comprises a service provider for receiving from a user terminal a service request requesting desired service for the user and a digital signature generated based on said service request, wherein the service provider, provides the service to the user terminal according to said service request, requests a charge collection from an accounting terminal based on said service request, and provides said service request and said digital signature to said accounting terminal when a disclosure request of service requests and digital signatures is received.

As discussed above, claims 9, 37 and 53 require that the method or system provide a service request and a digital signature to the accounting terminal when a disclosure request of service requests and digital signatures is received. Sirbu et al. neither discloses nor suggests a service request to the account server when a digitally signed electronic payment order is sent. Moreover, Sirbu et al. does not disclose or suggest a disclosure request for the service requests and digital signatures. Thus, claim 9, 37 and 53 include features which are neither disclosed nor suggested by Sirbu et al. Claims 23, 44, and 60 further require that the disclosure requests of the service requests and digital signatures is received from the user. Sirbu et al. neither discloses nor suggests this limitation. Because claims 17-25 ultimately depend on claim 9, they include all of the limitations of claim 9. Because claims 38-46 ultimately depend on claim 37, they include all of the limitations of claim 37. Because claims 54-62 ultimately depend on claim 53, they include all of the limitations of claim 53. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 42 was amended to correct a typographical error.

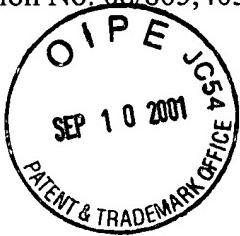
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX A**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN CLAIMS**

Claim 42 is amended as follows:

42. (Amended) The system according to claim 37, wherein  
said charge collection request to said accounting[\*] terminal includes a user name, a bank  
account information and amount of fee.

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